

APPENDIX

1-22 (Cancelled)

23. (Previously presented) A gaming method, comprising the acts of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;

receiving a wager in the gaming system;

providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and

paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising:

increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and

increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein increasing the first progressive jackpot

comprises increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and

wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second

progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger

than the first percentage.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising:

paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least the second wager amount.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising:

resetting the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23:

wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the wager activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the wager activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

35. (Previously presented) A gaming method, comprising the acts of:
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;
receiving a wager in the gaming system;

providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a first winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and

paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a second winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35 further comprising:

increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and

increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein increasing the first progressive jackpot comprises increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the second winning progressive jackpot result and the wager is at least the second amount.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35 further comprising:

resetting the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first

progressive jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot;

wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35:
wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;
wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and
wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the wager activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the wager activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

47. (Previously presented) A gaming method, comprising the acts of:
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;
receiving a wager in the gaming system;
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; and
paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result.

48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47 further comprising:
increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and
increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein increasing the first progressive jackpot comprises increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47, further comprising:

resetting the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot;

wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

51. (Previously presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

53. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47:

wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

54. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the wager activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the wager activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47, wherein a number of play lines activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

57. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47, wherein a number of play lines activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

58. (Previously presented) A gaming system comprising:
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount; and
wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

59. (Previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein in response to the detector receiving the wager, the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase in the second progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

60. (Previously presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

61. (Previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least the second wager amount.

62. (Previously presented) The system of claim 58:
wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

63. (Previously presented) The system of claim 62, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

64. (Previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

65. (Previously presented) The system of claim 58:
wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;
wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and
wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

66. (Previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the wager activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

67. (Previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the wager activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

68. (Previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

69. (Previously presented) The system of claim 58, wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

70. (Previously presented) A gaming system comprising:

a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a first winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount; and

wherein the gaming machine pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a second winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

71. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70, wherein in response to the detector receiving the wager, the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase in the second progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

72. (Previously presented) The system of claim 71, wherein the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

73. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70, wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least the second wager amount.

74. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70:

wherein the gaming machine resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

75. (Previously presented) The system of claim 74, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

76. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70, wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

77. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70:

wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

78. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70, wherein the wager activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

79. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70, wherein the wager activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

80. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70, wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

81. (Previously presented) The system of claim 70, wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

82. (Previously presented) A gaming system comprising:
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result; and
wherein the gaming system pays the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result.

83. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82, wherein in response to the detector receiving a wager, the gaming system increases a first progressive jackpot and increases a second progressive jackpot, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase

in the first progressive jackpot.

84. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

85. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82:

wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

86. (Previously presented) The system of claim 85, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

87. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

88. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82:

wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

89. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

90. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

91. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of play lines activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

92. (Previously presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of play lines activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.